

ARRL needs to focus on ways to expand the acceptance of 'Radio' into everyday thinking, keeping a 167 year old modulation/code system around isn't going to do it. In 12 months Nextel and now Sprint have expanded PTT communication into the public view, something that ARRL may want to focus on.

Some type of 'Class' that children can become involved in would be good, my grandson is interested in passive RFI as a means to make his parents life easier.

I became involved in 'Radio' again two years ago when I learned that the code requirement was on it's way out; I purchased \$2000 worth of equipment including a Kent Twin Paddle Key that now collects dust. There are way too many technologies to be working with and learning to take the time to learn something I'll never use. I signed up for the ARES course but dropped out when I found out that most of what was needed was on bands I was not licensed to use.

Pease drop the code requirement.